(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir, the Barsingsar Lignite Mine-cum-Power Project (2x120 MW) in Bikaner district of Rajasthan was anctioned by Government of India (GOI) for implementation by Neyveli Lignite Corporatin (NLC) in April, 1991.

(b) Due to resource crunch with NLC, it was not possible for them to implement the project and hence a decision was taken by GOI for dropping the project by NLC in September, 1996. Subsequently, the Government of Rajasthan awarded the Barsingsar project to M/s Hindustan Development Corporation for development through a process of global tendering.

(c) All major clearances approvals including Techno-Economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) have been received for the power plant. financial closure has not yet been achieved.

(d) No, Sir.

Dues to NTPC

4821. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States & Union Territories owing dues to the NTPC together with their outstanding dues, as on 31-12-1999; and

(b) what concrete steps are proposed to be taken for speedy recovery of these dues within the time bound programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) the total outstanding dues payable by State Electricity Boards (SEBs/Union territories (UTs) to National Thermal Power Corproation (NTPC) stand at Rs. 12424.30 crores as on 31.12.1999 including surcharge of Rs. 4440.67 crores. SEB-wise details of dues are enclosed in the statement. (*See* below)

(b) The NTPC and Government are taking up various measures for recovery of outstanding dues of NTPC as indicated below:—

(i) The NTPC Management is pursuing recovery of dues with concerned SEB/State Governnment.

(ii) The Special Incentive Scheme has been introduced by NTPC since September, 1994 to provide incentive to States which establish Letter of Credits (LC) to cover full amount of current monthly bills. By enhancing their LC to the required level, SEBs

would be in a position to avail 2.5% rebate on payments made in four equated weekly installments and also obtain reimbursement of charges incurred for LC operation.

(iii) NTPC at times also resorts to regulation of power to the defaulting States.

(iv) In case of new projects, NTPC is making efforts for Payments safeguards in the Power Purchase Agreements signed for its new projects. These include back up of State Government guarantee for the LC.

(v) The position is also reviewed periodically by Ministry of Power and the matter is taken up at the level of Chief Secretary/Chief Minister.

(vi) There is also a dispensation under which dues as on 31.12.1996 are being recovered directly by Ministry of Finance through Central Appropriation and paid directly to NTPC. The amount of Central Appropriation received during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 in respect of the above dues was Rs. 270.76 crores, Rs. 376.61 crores and Rs. 496.17 crores respectively.

(vii) A proposal for securitization for liquidating part of the dues payable to Central Public Sector Power Utilities is also under consideration.

STATMENT

NTPC Outstanding Dues As on 31.12.99

(Rs. In lakhs)

STPS/SEB	Outstanding as on Date	Surcharge Billed	Total Outstanding
West Bengal	82700	34230	116930
Orissa	48754	12780	61534
Sikkim	1832	535	2367
Bihar	145962	66401	212363
Damodar Valley Corporation	24513	20681	45194
Uttar Pradesh	179964	68410	248374
Delhi	133679	99204	232883

STPS/SEB	Outstanding as on Date	Surcharge Billed	Total Outstanding
Assam	3498	716	4214
Jammu and Kashmir	14896	32428	47324
Maharashtra	27198	14718	41916
Karnataka	11360	5300	16660
Pondicherry	2232	500	2732
Tamil Nadu	18203	6822	25025
Gujarat	23606	15236	38842
Madhya Pradesh	30228	26145	56373
Kerala	7649	3346	10995
Haryana	14865	23692	38557
Rajasthan	14364	5029	19393
Andhra Pradesh	11884	5389	17273
Goa (Southern Region)	806	106	912
Goa (Western Region)	173	248	421
Daman and Diu	78	144	222
Punjab	58	1082	1140
Himachal Pradesh	6	925	931
Union Territory of Chandigarh	-126	0	-126
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-19	0	-19
TOTAL	798363	444067	1242430

Abbreviation:

STPS : Super Thermal Power Station.

SEB : State Electricity Board.

Power from the New Central Generating Power Station to Kerala

4822. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) whether Kerala State has submitted any representation regarding the power allocation from the new Central generating power station;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and